## Regimental Command Sergeant Major

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It seems like just yesterday that I was writing an article for the last edition of our professional bulletin. Many great things have taken place around the Regiment since that article. We are moving full steam ahead with transformation and a number of other initiatives. We have activated new units both in the continental United States and overseas. This trend will continue over the next few years. At the same time, we continue to maintain an operational tempo that is higher than at any time during my nearly 27 years as a member of this Regiment.

We are working hard here at the home of our Regiment to support our soldiers and units around the world. In fact, our No. 1 priority has been, and will remain, supporting our units around the world. This support comes in many forms, such as continually checking and updating the courses taught to our soldiers at all levels. This not only includes initial entry training and leader development courses, but our functional courses as well. We will continue to use your feedback as well as our observations while we travel to units around the world to ensure that we give our soldiers the best training possible to meet our challenges in every theater. This is the case with our equipment and doctrine as well.

However, it is our soldiers who are the lifeblood of the Regiment. I continue to travel extensively to see our units around the world. At every location, regardless of the type of unit, our soldiers are doing great things. I truly feel that it is the performance of our leaders and soldiers that has earned us our great reputation. Senior commanders around the world are asking for more military police soldiers. This would not be the case were it not for your outstanding performance.

As you know, we have also had several soldiers who have made the ultimate sacrifice, as well as many wounded. These soldiers and their families are always in my thoughts and prayers. I have made several trips to our medical facilities to visit our wounded soldiers. I am absolutely amazed at their spirit and dedication. They make me proud to be a member of this great Regiment.

Once again, I would like to thank our soldiers, family members, retirees, and civilians for what they do for our Army and our nation every day. I look forward to seeing you around the Regiment.

Of the Troops! For the Troops!